

**Criminal Justice Collaborating Council
Programs and Alternatives Standing Committee
September 9, 2009**

Peter Schuler called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Committee Members Present:

Dick Manke	Sara Carpenter	Mike DeMares
Meg Schnabl	Donna Martinez	D.J. Blum
Lee Wipfli	Peter Schuler (chair)	Linda Sumwalt

Committee Members Absent:

Linda Van De Water/Donald Hassin	James Pearson	Lisa McLean
Susan Andrews	Sally Tess	Jane Batha
Diane Kelsner		

Also Present:

Susan Fischer	Rebecca Luczaj
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Approval of Minutes from June 10, 2009

MOTION: Manke moved, Blum second, to approve the minutes of April 8, 2009. Motion carried 8-0.

Update on Facilitated Employment Program for Offenders

Blum explained that Fischer has been involved with the Facilitated Employment Program for Offenders since the program's inception. The case manager and business services representative for the program have had good success helping offenders find employment in the current economic times. Unfortunately WIRED Grant funding for this program will discontinue at the end of September and without funding, there is no program. CDBG, CJCC and the Workforce Development Board also make small financial contributions to the program.

Fischer distributed and reviewed a handout titled *FEPO Presentation to the CJCC – 9/9/09* including program statistics, success stories, benefits of the program and testimonials. Fischer completed 376 intakes and enrolled 107 participants into the program. Fifty-eight participants found 86 jobs, 55 part time and 31 full time, with a mean wage of \$8.64 per hour. Two participants started their own businesses while 18 enrolled at WCTC. The cost to run this program effectively with two staff is approximately \$106K. Fischer hopes the community will find a way to address the special needs of this population.

Schnabl said losing this program and Fischer is a terrible loss. Fischer said she would share the resources and curriculum she developed for the program. Blum said most resource materials for the program will be posted online at the Workforce Development website.

Sumwalt arrived at 8:49 a.m.

Schuler said no direct funding is ever received to remedy the problems faced by this population so it is always difficult to maintain programming. It was hoped that additional CDBG funding would come through to save the program.

Review 2010 CJCC Budget Recommendations

Luczaj distributed and briefly reviewed copies of the CJCC 2010 proposed budget including revenues, expenditures, program highlights, outcomes and objectives. General government revenues include contributions from the Department of Corrections for the Community Service Options Program with a 3%

increase. A change in revenues reflects the end of the federal ATC grant and the policy change implementing ATC participant fees. Changes to the budget are required due to the loss of the Facilitate Employment Program. The second objective includes the intent to expand the Day Report Center and the implementation of fees to pay for the expansion. The significant increase in community service hours in the Community Service Options Program is due to the implementation of a new snow-shoveling program as well as an increase in the number of underemployed and employed Huber inmates signing up for community service.

Schuler said this is a cost-to-continue budget with small increases to base programs. Devising fees has been challenging because we do not want to exclude anyone who cannot pay for services. There have also been challenges adjusting to changes in legislation and working to develop a new OAR Program. With the current state of the economy, the CJCC will need to come up with positive ideas and proposals.

Update on Discharge Planner Position in the Jail

DeMares provided the committee with a short history of the program. This program originated with one staff person outside the jail helping people transition from jail to the community by working with their special needs. Additional funding was secured at one time allowing the addition of a part time staff person inside the jail that could make referrals to the staff person outside of the jail. The implementation of HIPAA made it difficult to run the program in the confines of the jail so the program was transferred from the HHS budget to the CJCC budget.

Schnabl said Correct Care Solutions, the medical contractor, recently hired Katina Weinke to work the program in the jail. Weinke is currently spending time with community organizations meeting people and becoming familiar with community resources. Because it is rarely known when people will be released from the jail, a lot of coordination is needed quickly.

Update on OAR Program Changes

Luczaj said changes to the OAR laws effective July 1, 2009 decriminalizing OARs and removing the jail component will have a huge impact on CJCC's OAR Program. Because 65% of the OAR cases that used to go through the circuit courts will now go through municipal courts, the program had to be quickly redesigned. Long term there will be many repeat offenders adding up large amounts of fines they cannot pay and ending up in the county jail. County Executive Vrakas offered a six-month pilot program with gradual phase out of county funding allowing municipal courts to refer cases to the OAR Program. Waukesha County's total contribution will be \$27,781.50 from October 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010. The gradual phase-out of Waukesha County's involvement will run from April 2010 to September 2011 and shared funding will change as follows:

April – September 2010	75% county	25% municipal
October 2010 – March 2011	50% county	50% municipal
April – September 2011	25% county	75% municipal

Luczaj distributed a handout titled OAR Program Plan which outlines the program and funding. Next week, Judge Davis will meet with municipal court judges to promote this program and its benefits. JoAnn Eiring from WCS and also a municipal judge has been instrumental in developing and promoting this program.

Blum left the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

Update on CJCC Programs RFP

Luczaj said an RFP went out August 4, 2009 for the Pretrial Screening, Day Report Center, ATC and Pretrial Supervision Programs with responses due September 1, 2009. A five-member evaluation committee was formed with members representing courts, HHS, CJCC, purchasing and the county board. Interviews will

occur September 21 (if needed) and a final decision will be made before the October 7, 2009 Finance Committee meeting. The new contracts would start in January 2010.

Update on Byrne Grant Award

Luczaj said the Sheriff's Department/CJCC were awarded a Byrne Grant allowing the CJCC to contract with the Public Policy Forum (PPF) for ongoing technical assistance including research, analysis, evaluation, etc. The CJCC Executive Committee will direct the projects assigned to the PPF.

Future Agenda Items

- Assignments from the CJCC Executive Committee
- Public Policy Forum assignments and program evaluation/mapping progress
- Grant updates
- Committee membership refresher.

Next Meeting Date

Wednesday, October 14, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., HHS Boardroom

The meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.